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| Application No.: 10/800,140 |) | Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph J. |
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| Filed: March 11, 2004 |) | |
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| Title: Probe, Assay and Kits for Detecting |) | |
| 11 β -Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase |) | |
| and Modulators Thereof |) | |
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, mailed December 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following election.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that appear at pages 2-18.

Remarks / Arguments begin at page 19.